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Around the world

AAFES recalls Ross Root Feeders

DALLAS, Texas – Easy Gardener Inc., of Waco, Texas, is voluntarily recalling about 345,000 Ross Root Feeders to replace their mixing chamber caps.

The root feeder is a device used to distribute food, water and insecticide to the roots of trees and shrubs. The mixing chamber caps on these feeders can detach during use and strike nearby consumers, resulting in injuries.

Easy Gardener has received one report of a woman who received dental and other mouth injuries when struck by a cap from one of these root feeders. The root feeders are about 30-inches tall, have a green hose connection and plastic yellow handles. "ROSS" and "MODEL 1200C" are imprinted on the side of the root feeder. The recall includes model 1200C Ross Root Feeders with "24207" or "24208" imprinted on the top of the clear, plastic chamber caps. Ross Root Feeders with the number "24208-A" caps are not part of the recall. AAFES, home and garden centers and hardware stores sold these feeders from October 1994 through January 2002. Consumers should stop using the recalled feeders immediately, dispose of the mixing chamber cap, and contact Easy Gardener to receive a free replacement cap.

For more information, visit their recall web site at www.rosscap.com.

Information provided by AAFES press release.

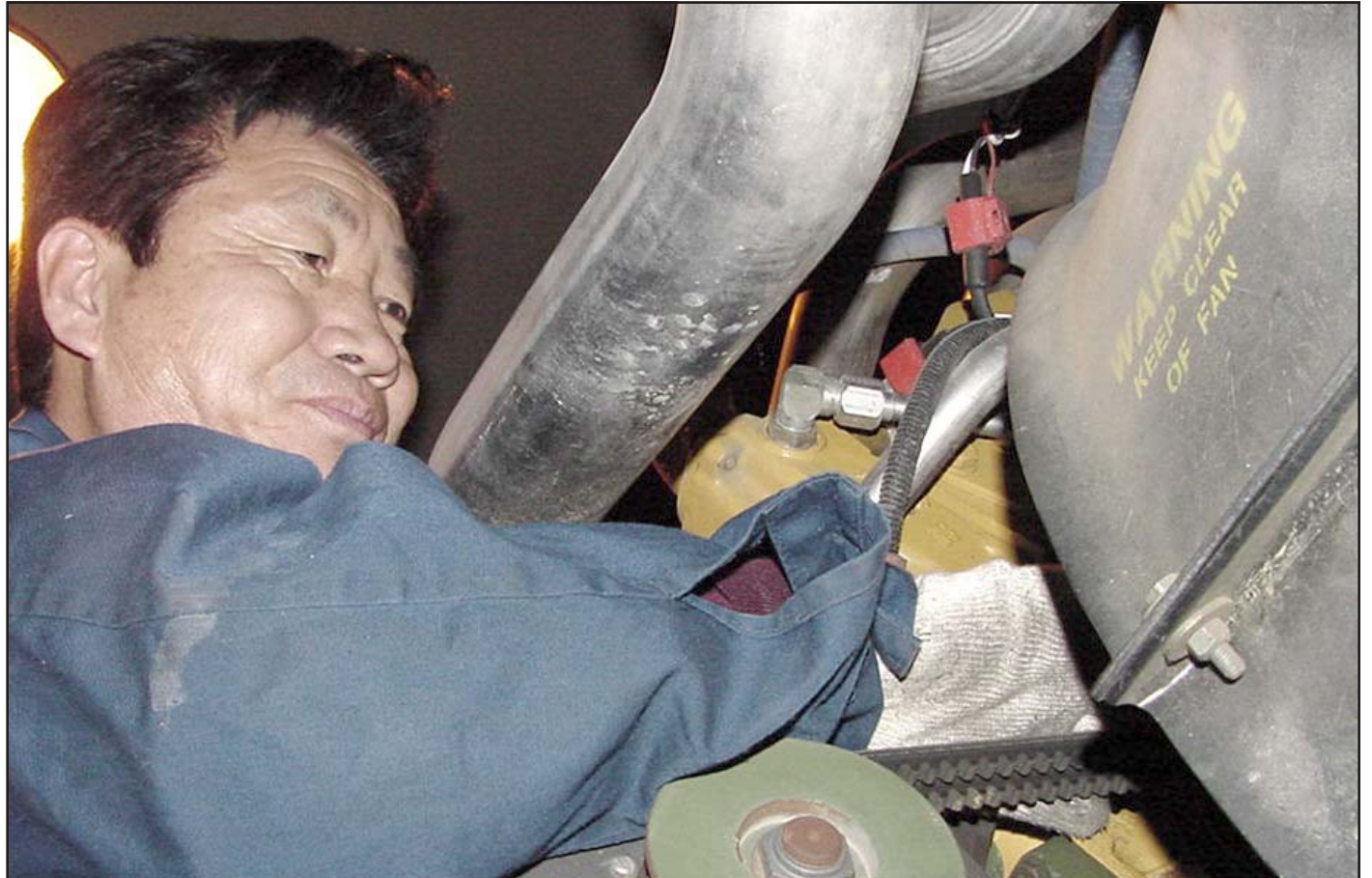
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Song, On-young, a mechanic with HHD, 6th Ordnance Battalion, Camp Carroll, checks the belts on a Vehicle. The 6th Ordnance Bn. was one of the units recognized Feb. 1 for winning an Army Chief of Staff Maintenance Excellence program award. (Photo by Sgt. Raymond Piper)

19th TSC Army Engineer named 2002's 'Federal Engineer of the Year'

By Master Sgt. C.S. Allbright
19th TSC Public Affairs Office

CAMP HENRY – An engineer who found underground sources of water in Kosovo, and now works overseeing construction projects in the 19th Theater Support Command, won top honors as the "2002 Federal Engineer of the Year."

Maj. Kenneth W. McDonald, 40, is the deputy director of base operations for the 19th TSC. He was recognized by the National Society of Professional Engineers recently at a ceremony conducted in Washington, D.C.

McDonald was chosen from a pool of 28 applicants by a panel of judges established by NSPE's Professional Engineers in Government practice division. Selection was based on education, continuing education, professional and technical society activities, awards and honors, civic and humanitarian activities, and engineering achievements. The competition is open to all engineers who work in any area of the federal government.

"I was just surprised that I made it to the top 10. I didn't think that I had any chance of making it to the top position,"

McDonald said recently from the 19th TSC Headquarters building on Camp Henry, Taegu.

His application went through the 8th U.S. Army selection process before being forwarded to the national competition. In December, he was notified that he was not only among the top 30, but he was among the top 10.

In mid-January, he went to the Washington ceremony not knowing what place he would finish. McDonald said that he didn't expect to win because the other applicants seemingly had made more significant, impressive contributions to their communities.

At the luncheon ceremony, his name was called as the winner, but McDonald said it took a second to register to his brain. He finally realized that he had won, and he was called forward to receive a plaque and special commemorative medal.

McDonald's wife, Deborah, an Army major stationed at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, was also in the audience at the National Press Club where the ceremony was conducted.

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Area I motor pools recognized for excellence

By Spc. Carol Cole
Area I Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — Two Area I transportation motor pools were recognized at the 19th Theater Support Command's annual award ceremony in Yongsan Feb. 6.

Both TMPs competed for the Army Award of Maintenance Excellence. The U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Page's motor pool staff was the winner in the Table of Distribution and Allowances Intermediate category and the USAG, Camp Red Cloud TMP was the runner up in the TDA Heavy category.

Camp Page TMP competed with 14 other motor pools in their category. The 2002 victory was a repeat of last year's success, when they won at both the 19th TSC and 8th U.S. Army level before finishing as runner up in

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Reader's Voice

What have you learned about the Lunar New Year?



I learned that driving from one area to the next during the holiday takes extra time because so many people travel to visit family and friends.

Sgt. Raymond Piper
HHC, 19th TSC
Camp Henry

That they get together with their relatives and spend time with each other. Also that according to the lunar calendar this is the beginning of a new year.

Pfc. Mario Andres Aquino
20th ASG Mail Room
Camp Henry



I learned that the Koreans celebrate their New Year just like ours but theirs is in February and celebrates the past year instead of the upcoming year.

Sgt. Mary Warren
HHC, 122 Sig. Bn., S-4
Camp Red Cloud

I learned that it is the beginning of the year for Koreans and that it is a big holiday.

Pfc. Teresa Oswalt
HHC, 19th TSC
Camp Henry



Army Smarts

Family Care Plans essential for single parents

By Denver Beaulieu-Hains
Army News Service

WASHINGTON - About 36,000 single-parent soldiers are in America's Army today and another 27,000 soldiers are part of a dual-military couple — and those figures don't even include soldiers who deploy and leave their families home alone, making their spouses temporary sole parents.

Every single-parent soldier, dual-military parent, and single and dual-military pregnant soldier is required to develop a Family Care Plan by Army Regulation 600-20.

Emergency-essential civilians are also encouraged to have a Family Care Plan.

The plan, DA Form 5305, as a minimum includes proof that a guardian has agreed to care for dependent children under the age of 18.

Powers of attorney for medical care, guardianship and the authorization to start or stop financial support should be in the packet. Military identification cards should be issued for children who reside with a single parent or dual military couple. Lastly, the regulation requires a letter of instruction to the guardian/escort. This letter should contain specific instructions needed for the guardian to ensure the care of the dependents.

Things the regulation doesn't require but experts say should be considered for the packet include: birth certificates, social security cards, shot records, other medical or insurance cards, medication dosages for the child if necessary, and lists of family-member addresses and phone numbers in

case of emergency.

"What it boils down to is that the Family Care Plan is something that may be utilized and not just a paper exercise, said John Meixell, attorney advisor with the Army Legal Assistance Policy Division. "Soldiers need to make realistic decisions as to who they trust with the care of their children and provide them with all the info they need to exercise reasonable care."

To make an assessment on

parents should make advance contact with financial institutions, children's doctors, schools and daycare providers prior to deployment. They even recommend giving these agencies a copy of the Family Care Plan.

With more than 23,600 National Guard and Army Reserve soldiers mobilized so far for Operation Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom, Sgt. Maj. Charles Steele of the New York National Guard

State Family Program says his contingency plan's focus is on more than just providing families with rosters.

"A single parent or dual-military family has to give serious thought to their FCP (Family Care Plan)," said Steele. There has to be an agreement between the caregiver and the children involved. If either party feels uncomfortable with the situation, it could be a very bad situation.

"Soldiers need to make realistic decisions as to who they trust with the care of their children and provide them with all the info they need to exercise reasonable care."

— John Meixell
Army Legal Assistance Policy Division

what is and is not reasonable care, officials say the planning process should be ongoing and not begin at the last minute.

"A deployment or mobilization is a really stressful situation to start with," said Mary Ellen Pratt, who heads the Army's child development programs at the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center. "When families have to worry about one more things like what happens to your child or your children, that's really going to affect how ready you are to go off on a deployment."

Officials also recommend that parents keep documents such as birth certificates in one place (an accordion-style organizer or file cabinet special drawer). They say parents should label or tab folders to make it easy for the guardian to find documents fast. They say

When parents are considering caregivers, adult parties should discuss and be prepared to plan activities for children, said Steele. Children watch the news and they are aware of things that happen, Steele said. He said keeping them involved in other activities may be one way of calming their fears.

Also, Steele said the caregiver should be willing to attempt to keep the parent and the children connected as much as possible.

"We give out letter-writing kits to deployed parents and calendars to their children," said Steele.

The kit is just one way the family program encourages interaction.

The kit is complete with post cards and a map of the world and distinctive envelopes, so when the child sees the envelope, the envelope can be easily recognized.

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New station enhances MPs' operations

By Kevin Jackson
Area IV Public Affairs Officer

CAMP HIALEAH—Military policemen at Camp Hialeah now have a new station to call home and it comes with amenities and technology that will significantly enhance law enforcement operations.

The newly renovated building, which cost nearly \$100,000, provide the MPs with a bulletproof glass enclosure, a centrally located access control technology, a modern detention facility, an enlarged guard mount training room, and closed circuit television surveillance system. The MPs moved into the building on Jan. 15 and held a dedication ceremony on Feb. 1.

"This facility shows the commitment of the community to the men and women who they are serving," said 8th MP Bde. commander Col. Timothy Lamb during the grand opening ceremony.

The MPs began looking for a better facility following a joint security installation vulnerability assessment conducted by a Department of the Army team at Camp Hialeah in 1999. The JSIVA revealed that the old MP station, which was located against the perimeter wall, posed potential security problems and could better serve the community if it were centrally located.

"This new facility will benefit my company and also benefit the installation because it's centrally located in a place that people can see," said Capt. Eric Krantz, 552nd MP Co. commander and installation Provost Marshal. "We wanted to make ourselves more accessible to the community and it also improves the quality of life for our soldiers stationed here."

Located between the Pusan Pub and the Army Community Service building, the new facility occupies a little more than 1,000 square feet, more than double the size of the old MP station. Krantz compared the relocation to "moving from your closet into the master bedroom."

The size of the new facility isn't all that matters to the 200 military policemen at Camp Hialeah. A bulletproof glass enclosure provides protection for the desk sergeant and military police investigators that didn't exist at the old building. From this room, the desk sergeant maintains strict control of all locking mechanisms in the station.

One of facilities controlled by the desk sergeant is a modern detention facility that is being constructed. The MPs are currently using the detention facility at the old station. It will be dismantled after the two new cells are completed in March.

"Should someone have to be incarcerated here, our modern detention facility will ensure they get the same treatment as they would at any other federal installation," Krantz said.

While the MPs appreciate the modern detention facility, it is the spacious guard-mount training room that impressed many of the patrolmen. The room provides the MPs with sufficient space to practice law enforcement procedures, receive paper-work refresher training, and inspect their uniforms, gear and equipment before going on duty.

"Our previous PMO was very cramped," said Pvt. 2 Jonathan Enlow, an MP patrolman. "We didn't have sufficient space to conduct good guard mount classes. Today, our guard mount class was searches and we could actually demonstrate good techniques."

Aside from the improved amenities, a closed-circuit television surveillance system that will be installed at the station in March will help the MPs monitor all key points inside the installation and at all gates.

"The closed-circuit television will enable us to monitor all access points on the installation," Krantz said. "So it's in addition to the IBS contractor and our law enforcement patrols, which provide 24-hour security."

All that remains to complete the renovation is to paint the exterior and construct a parking area adjacent to the station. Krantz said the work would be complete by the end of the year.

2002 FIFA World Cup Information

What tickets are available to purchase?

According to FIFA regulations, individuals can purchase up to four tickets per U.S. match. Limited numbers of category I tickets, category II tickets, and category III tickets are available in greater numbers. To purchase tickets for other matches, visit www.2002.worldcupkorea.org.

What about the second round and beyond?

After the first round, there is a conditional team specific ticket. You can purchase a conditional TST for rounds 16 and beyond for U.S. games only.

What are the prices?

FIFA, in conjunction with Japanese and Korean organizing committees, has set the prices and each ticket carries an additional 10 percent handling charge.

Category I = \$150 per ticket + 10 percent handling charge = \$165

Category II = \$100 per ticket + 10 percent handling charge = \$110

Category III = \$60 per ticket + 10 percent handling charge = \$66

Tickets can be purchased at www.ticket.2002.worldcupkorea.org with any major credit card.

The tickets for the June 10 Korea vs. the United States game are all sold out.

News

19th TSC recognizes of its best maintenance units in Area IV

By Spc. Tyrone Jones
6th Ord Bn, Camp Carroll

CAMP CAROLL – The 19th Theater Support Command recognized some of its units for best in Army maintenance as part of the Army Chief of Staff Maintenance Excellence Program Feb. 1.

Since 1982, the Army Award for Maintenance Excellence program has recognized the best in unit maintenance. Units worldwide compete in the heavy, medium or small category group. The program evaluates five areas in the maintenance program: mission accomplishments, readiness, maintenance training, maintenance management and innovative execution. The program focuses on maintenance operations in company, battery and troop size units.

"It's a great feeling to be mentioned, in an excellent program such as this," said Master Sgt. Angel Rivera-Lopez, 6th Ord Bn. "When the Army's best units are competing against each other the best usually excels."

"It's one thing to reach the army standard in supply and maintenance, but it's another thing to strive for excellence," said Deputy Commander, 19thTSC, Col. Aaron Hayes.

With most soldiers serving only a one-year

tour in Korea the turn over ratio causes most sections to be left with all new soldiers.

Chief Warrant Officer Shawn Block, 23rd Chem. Bn., explained that without the help of Korean Augmentees Troops to the United States Army (KATUSA's) and Korean Nationals that the level of excellence achieved would not be possible.

"KATUSA's and KN's play a big role in the entire mission here," said Block. "They help establish cohesion and camaraderie among the unit as a whole. When you have a group of people working together in order to achieve excellence the outcome is always going to be great."

"Soldiers come here from the U.S. with the best training the Army can buy," said Command Sgt. Maj. Lewis Locket 6th Ord Bn. "But the Koreans are the key to maintaining a good level of maintaining proper records, procedures and continuity."

Winners at the 19thTSC level will now go on to compete at the 8th Army level and eventually to the Department of the Army level.

"There are a lot of units who don't enter these type of competitions," said Hayes.

"This says something about the command of these units; to not be afraid of failing at this high level and putting their units out there."

Selfless service honored in Taegu

By Pfc. Kim, Won-joong
Area IV Public Affairs Office

TAEGU – The Volunteer of the Quarter ceremony was held Feb. 5 at Hnery's Place, Camp Henry. On this occasion the different volunteers working for various organizations in Taegu were recognized and rewarded.

According to Douglas Burk, civilian executive assistant, these volunteers are the backbone of the organization. Without their efforts and selfless service the organizations would be handicapped.

"Last year, I started volunteer activity at Army community Service. I really wanted to improve my experience working with foreigners just like Americans. That is why I started volunteering," said Hwang, Sung-ung, wh volunteers as a Korean language instructor for ACS.

Another volunteer, Yu, Jin-rouch, who is taking care of the children at the Child Development Center said, "I started volunteering because I wanted to build experience and to meet new people. I did not really like children at

first, but as I was working as a volunteer at the CDC, I realized how loving these children were, and I felt good knowing that."

"Volunteers are important to our community because we need people who give the best and most powerful values in our community. We also give them the opportunity to get involved in things that affect us, to put into practice an ethic of caring and the realization that one person can make a difference," said Lettie Villarosa, installation volunteer coordinator for Taegu.

In her closing remarks at the award ceremony, Lynne Bucy, who also works as a volunteer as a fifth-grade teacher at the Taegu American School, quoted an old prover, "there are those who make things happen, there are those who watch things happen, and there are those who wonder what happend."

"Our volunteers here today are those who make things happen," she added.

Thirteen volunteers were recognized for their selfless service and outstanding performances.

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the Army-wide competition.

"We won the award because our team strives for excellence in every phase of our job," said Cecil Bell, director of the Page TMP. Bell said this set his staff of 16 soldiers and Korean civilians apart from the rest of the competition.

The teams were judged in many categories to include overall maintenance, the unit's supply system, dispatching, testing, HAZMAT procedures and the tool room, as well as how well the vehicle tracking records have been kept.

Making sure all of these areas are in place is very crucial to the Page TMP because it supports all units on camps Page and Stanley. There are 114 vehicles that must be kept track of, said Bell.

"Our mission is unique from other units because of our long coverage distance between the two camps," he said. "Our mechanics must pay more attention to detail to make sure the vehicles are able to withstand those trips."

"Excellence awards are very important," said Bell. "The awards motivate people to follow through on their tasks and make sure everyone is doing what they are supposed to be doing."

He added the award is also a good way to recognize those people who excel at their jobs. "My team has a lot of responsibility," he said. "They work hard at their tasks and deserve to be recognized for it."

The Camp Page TMP will now compete for the 8th Army award.

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"I don't think it's going to affect my military career. I will still continue to do the best job I can with the jobs that I'm given," McDonald said. "From a personal standpoint, when you're recognized in an organization that is essentially your peers, that in itself is extremely gratifying. Especially when you consider that I was not expecting this at all."

McDonald's work around Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo, in 1999 was one of the possible elements that made Donald's application stick out, he said.

Working through the European Command in Stuttgart, Germany, McDonald was monitoring engineering efforts in Kosovo in the summer of 1999. He was sent to Kosovo to solve a water problem. Troops on the ground needed more water than contracted suppliers could handle. For several months, on-the-scene members of the Corps of Engineers couldn't find adequate well sites. Because of McDonald's background in studying the earth's natural features for clues, he was consulted.

"When I finally got involved, it was when they still couldn't find the water. It's not like they had not been trying to do anything," McDonald said.

Using geologic data and field techniques, he located three well sites, which produced over 530,000 gallons a day. EUCOM leadership credited this find as a factor in the success of the US forces' mission in Kosovo. He received the Joint Service Commendation Medal for his efforts.

Currently, McDonald oversees the work of more than 100 civil, mechanical, environmental and industrial engineers and monitors an annual budget of over \$192 million base operations funds for 82 different installations.

"I coordinate and orchestrate the engineering aspects of the 19th TSC, but more importantly that includes dealing with hot issues on a daily basis that crop up in each one of these areas," said McDonald, a native of Worlane, Wyoming.

"The satisfaction of being an engineering and seeing



Maj. Kenneth W. McDonald

the tangible results of those things that you construct or have a part in the construction of. I think that's why I became an engineer, because you can see results," McDonald said.

McDonald is also active in many professional organizations including NSPE, Society of American Military Engineers, Association of American Geographers, American Planning Association, American Institute of Certified Planners and American Legion. He holds a Ph.D. in Geological Engineering from the University of Missouri-Rolla, an M.S. in Environmental Engineering from University of Missouri-Rolla, an MBA from Oklahoma City University and a BS in Civil Engineering from the United States Military Academy.

The NPSE award came out a month before National Engineer Week, which is Feb. 17-23.

(A significant part of this story provided through a NPSE news release by Michelle Ledger.)

Humphreys Korean employee retires after 42 years

By Spc. Kimberly Bethel
Area III Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS — In 1960, Kwon, O-Pi, was a 21-year-old single woman living in Taejon. The Korean War had ended only a few years earlier and Koreans were adapting to the presence of U.S. military on the peninsula. She was a young girl when the Korea War was going on and all she remembers is fire everywhere and being scared.

She could speak only a little bit of English and had just applied for an administrative position at the Signal Battalion Headquarters in Taegu, which has since been redesignated as the 501st Signal Co. and relocated to Camp Humphreys in 1972. She'd heard through a friend that the U.S. Military was hiring and applied for a job. At the time her English was broken, but it was better than most. She said she had no bad memories of the past 41 years — only good ones of special people. People like her battalion's adjutant, Capt. (first name unknown) Coogan.

"He would help me every day with my English. I went to English class in the evenings after work, and he'd review my lessons with me just to be nice," she said.

That was almost 42 years ago and Kwon still works for that same unit. Although she still works in administration, she's now more commonly referred to as the "KATUSA Sergeant Major." She works as the Korean National administration manager. Kwon has seen hundreds of U.S. and KATUSA soldiers pass through the halls of the 501st. She even remembers seeing soldiers come to Korea as lieutenants and training non-commissioned officers, only to return years later as battalion commanders and sergeants major.

She was born July 11, 1939, in Taejon, Korea and is the third of five children to include three sisters and one

brother, all of whom still live in Korea. Her father worked as a government official and her mother was a housewife.

Although she never took marriage vows herself, Kwon said she's lived a full and rewarding life, even without children. She practices Buddhism and in her religion she's found comfort and peace with her life.

She's dedicated her life to helping soldiers, or "her children," as she calls them, since she has none of her own. She says that's been the most rewarding part of her job — seeing soldiers being promoted in the ranks and go on to become great leaders."

"I've seen too many soldiers to count come through here!" Kwon said.

In 1972 the 501st Signal Company moved to Camp Humphreys, and Kwon came along for the ride. Then she lived in barracks where the M16 qualification range is, near the CPX Gate.

She recalls her first day walking to work before the outside community of Anjungri existed.

"It was all mud!" she said. "My shoes were getting stuck in it because there were no roads then and I hated that."

She's seen Camp Humphreys grow from just Quonset Huts and an airfield to a booming installation full of new growth and development.

"Not only has the installation itself changed over the years but the soldiers, both Korean and U.S., have changed. They're smarter and more sociable with one another now," she said.

Three years ago she extended her work contract with USFK, finally Kwon is planning on retiring in July after 42 of service. She said if she'd never worked for USFK, she'd have worked as a Korean government employee in a Korean Air Force hospital.



Kwon, O-pi, a civilian employee with the 501st Signal Company, Camp Humphreys, as she looked when she first applied for a U.S. job 42 years ago. (Courtesy Photo)

'Random thought' leads to knowledge revolution

By Patrick Swan
Army News Service

FORT BELVOIR, Va. — A "random thought while running" has led to more than 800,000 soldiers and Army civilians getting "www.us.army.mil" portable e-mail accounts and access to a host of Army Web-based information.

That random thought belonged to now-retired Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, who explained the details of his inspiration during a Jan. 28 visit to the G-6 Chief Technology Office at Fort Belvoir, Va. — home of Army Knowledge Online.

As the Army's chief of staff from 1995 to 1999, Reimer wanted an informal and timely way to convey his intent to the Army's strategic leadership.

He explained to the CTO staff how he found the solution through e-mail. This then-emerging technology allowed him to educate and mentor the Army's general officer corps with minimal fanfare.

"What we needed was something to supplement the regular information channels during this period of enormous and fast-paced change," Reimer said. "Initially, it was one-way communication, from me to the field. We knew this system had the potential to grow to be a virtual think-tank. But first we had to get our people comfortable with the fundamentals — we literally had to change the culture. I was fortunate that there were some real experts available to work out the tough issues and my part was relatively easy.

Reimer forced that comfort level by

sending his newly titled, "Random Thoughts While Running" to general officers only through e-mail. To keep informed, the 300-plus general officers first had to become comfortable using Army-issued laptop computers.

Later, when addressing pre-command classes at Fort Leavenworth, Reimer encouraged students to submit questions on their critique sheets that contained their return e-mail address. The former chief said he sent back personal, e-mailed responses in just a few days.

From basic e-mail mastery, Reimer then pursued the use of online-chat sessions on specific relevant issues with the new brigadier general selectees. He noted that e-mail input from the general officer corps even convinced him to modify his position on the Army's new Officer Evaluation Report, first implemented in October 1997.

"Emerging technologies need champions," Reimer said. "This cannot be a one-shot deal. The younger officers are comfortable with this technology, but

some of the older officers needed a little push to get on board."

In 1999, the Army established the Army Portal, also known as Army Knowledge Online, as a one-stop-shopping site for Army information. Building on Reimer's work, in August 2001, his successor, Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, and Army Secretary Thomas White, mandated all Army (active, Guard, Reserve and Department of the Army civilian) personnel obtain unique e-mail accounts through the portal's address: "www.us.army.mil." These accounts stay the same no matter where soldiers and civilians are stationed worldwide.

The AKO portal is a central part of the overall strategy to transform the Army into a "network-centric, knowledge-based force" through something called, "Army Knowledge Management." AKO customers use the portal for a broad range of both business and tactical processes and services to include those in the personnel, logistics, acquisition and e-learning areas.

"AKO provides a series of useful

tools for the Army's knowledge management tool set," said Col. Robert Coxe, the G-6 chief technology officer.

Today, the AKO "tool set" is recognized among the military services — and around the world — in applying Knowledge Management concepts and technologies to the enterprise level of the Army. InfoWorld recognized the AKO portal as 10th in the nation (out of 100 organizations) in November 2001 for its innovative performance in using cutting-edge technologies to improve mission performance.

And in December 2001, CIO magazine selected AKO as one of the top 50 web sites based on "...usefulness, ease of navigation, business value, survival prospects, design and credible content" according to CIO Magazine.

None of this seems surprising to Reimer, whom the CTO staff briefed on the progress of his "random thought while running" concept.

"The pace is only limited by imagination and how fast the whole Army becomes comfortable doing business this way," Reimer said. "Our movement toward enhanced situational awareness on the battlefield, which relied so heavily on information technology, convinced me that we had to implement this system during day-to-day operations so that the transition from peace to war became as seamless as possible. And I knew once our leaders started using it, they would find ways to take it far beyond anything I could imagine. And that is exactly what the CTO has done."

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— Retired Gen. Dennis J. Reimer
Former Army chief of staff

Special board determines off-limit areas

Two Area I clubs added to the list

By Spc. Jimmy Norris
Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP CASEY – There's a good reason soldiers shouldn't go into Tongduchon's Sexy Club: It's off limits. So is the Pars Club.

Both came under review by the Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board – a panel charged with deciding which off-post establishments are placed off limits to military personnel – and were found wanting.

The AFDCB is a panel charged with deciding which off-post establishments are placed off limits. The garrison commander presides over the board. Its members include the staff judge advocate, the provost marshal, the division surgeon, the drug and alcohol control officer, the equal opportunity advisor and the division chaplain.

"This gives us a good diverse board so we can talk about any issue as it is pertinent to the welfare of soldiers," said Lt. Col. Scott Levin, commander United States Army Garrison, Camp Casey.

The Sexy Club was placed off limits because of the owner's tendency to attack military police. The Pars Club was placed off limits after local police conducted a drug bust there. While it was suspected criminal activity that placed those establishments off limits, criminal activity isn't the only thing that will cause the AFDCB to place a business off limits.

"It doesn't have to be something illegal," said Provost Marshal, Lt. Col. Robert Ake, 2nd Military Police Company. "It could be vendors cheating soldiers, for example. It's anything that could be harmful or unfair to soldiers."

The AFDCB has met three times in Area I during the past year. Each time it was to discuss Korean Tourism Association clubs, which cater primarily to American service members.

While there are many reasons it can happen, placing a club off limits is usually a last resort, said Levin. If the AFDCB finds a club deficient, the owner is usually given the opportunity to appeal the decision, or make changes. Also, an off-limits club can be placed back on limits if its owner makes changes to fix the problems found by the board.

"We have to be fair to the soldiers, but we also have to be fair to the local community," he said. "These clubs make almost all of their money from soldiers so when you put a place off limits you're taking away someone's livelihood. We have a good relationship with the KTA, and we can usually work things out without putting a place off limits."

A recent example of the cooperation between the garrison commanders and the KTA is evident in changes made to Tongduchon's Mustang Club.

"Soldiers kept getting beat up," said Deputy Staff Judge Advocate Maj. Vanessa Crockford, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Inf. Div. "The board met and found they had no crowd control and no way to monitor

how many people were in there."

The board suggested the club's owner institute better measures within the club to reduce overcrowding. The club owner executed tighter controls, which enhanced the safety of the U.S. service members, and the Mustang remained accessible to soldiers.

Clubs are usually brought to the attention of the board through blotter incidents or concerns voiced by commanders, but anyone can bring a club to the board's attention. If soldiers have concerns about clubs they can call the provost marshal or the civil military affairs office.

"The board is a fair mechanism for placing an establishment off limits," said Levin. "It helps us keep soldiers safe and allows club owners to make their cases, appeal our decisions or make changes to the way they do things. It's a good way to do business."

Be aware: Clubs aren't only areas off limit

By Spc. Jimmy Norris
Area I Public Affairs

Clubs aren't the only places in Area I that are off limits. In addition to the Sexy Club and the Pars Club, both located in Tongduchon, there are several places soldiers should not be. Soldiers caught in off limits establishments are subject to punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Civilian pharmacies, acupuncture clinics, civilian medical and dental facilities are off limits unless referred by United States medical treatment facilities, receiving emergency treatment or visiting patients. Public bodies of water are off limits unless the installation commander specifically approves the location.

In Tongduchon and adjacent areas, the area of 600, Saengyon 2-Dong, Tongduchon City, Kyonggi-Do (the "red light district" near 2nd Market. This area is sometimes referred to as the "Turkey Farm"), and TA 50 Alley, are all off limits.

In the Camp Hovey area the service road from Camp Casey except for Division Schools, ammunition storage areas

and Schoonover Bowl while personnel are engaged in organized athletics. Exceptions for training exercises should be requested through the assistant chief of staff, G-3.

In the Western Corridor area, Kumchon-ni, Kumchon-up, Paju-gun (the "red light district" near the Kumchon Bus Terminal), Taechu-Gol: 327, Yonpung-ni, Paju-gun (the "red light district" near the Yongju-gol KNP box), Pobwon-ni: 94, Daenung-ni, Chonhyon-myon, Paju-gun (the "red light district" near the main Pobwon-ri intersection, next to the ROK compound are off limits.

Soldiers should also avoid those establishments that sell, or display for sale, military issue clothing and equipment except for custom tailor shops that make custom made uniforms.

Barber shops, tattoo and massage parlors are off limits unless approved by the Area Installation Commander.

"What people need to understand is that these things change routinely. An organization may come back on limits. Others may go off limits any time," said Provost Marshal Lt. Col. Robert Ake. "It's an individual responsibility to stay informed because 'I didn't know' is not an excuse."

Health fairs reach out to help make community healthier

Story and photo by Master Sgt. C.S. Allbright
19th TSC Public Affairs Office

Information about healthy lifestyle choices was abundant at an Area IV health fair in Taegu recently to kick off Healthy Heart Month and Dental Hygiene Awareness Month.

The event was co-sponsored by the Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers program and various medical and service organizations in the community.

"Hopefully, we're educating people on better ways to live, act and just be more healthy by them making correct choices for eating and exercise," said Area IV's Health Promotion Coordinator, Victoria Knighton. "We want them to quit habits like smoking and drinking alcohol that shorten their lives."

People could get their blood pressure checked, have their eyesight checked, get a new tooth brush, and even get information about pets.

"We've been giving out information on the vet clinic, but we're focusing getting pets home. People have a lot of questions about how to get their pets home," Sgt. Donnie Thorton, the NCOIC of the vet clinic on Camp Walker.

At the booths, there was also information about health concerns such as breast cancer, colon cancer and high blood pressure. Family Advocacy sponsored a booth with information about having healthy families and avoiding domestic violence.

The goal of the health promotion awareness is to

make information about the programs accessible. People strolled by booths set up by the various clinics as well as

the Army Community Service's Family Advocacy program. The providers at the stations answered

questions ranging from appointment availability to how to read a blood pressure reading.

Spc. Michael King of the 154th Medical Detachment Camp Walker, said, "It's important to know where you stand with your health."

These types of fairs help promote health awareness and allow people to get general information about their own health.

"In Korea, we don't have this type of outreach to people," said Pfc. Lee, Keun-seung, a medic with the 168th Medical Detachment. "Most Korean people don't really go to the hospital and have their health checked. This will help people be aware of their health."

The next health fair will be conducted in about three months.



Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Stewart of the 168th Medical Battalion, checks the blood pressure of Spc. Michael King at the health fair held in conjunction with Healthy Heart Month and Dental Hygiene Awareness Month

Soldiers win big 'Super Bowl Monday'

Story and photo by Spc. Carole Cole
Area 1 Public Affairs Office

CAMP RED CLOUD — "A Tribute to America" was the theme of Super Bowl XXXVI Monday at Mitchell's Club as more than 100 soldiers from Camp Red Cloud gathered for a breakfast buffet and the big game.

While the St. Louis Rams and New England Patriots were passing for touchdowns and rushing for first downs, the crowd at Mitchell's was passing the ketchup and rushing for seconds of eggs, sausage, grits, bacon, biscuits, pancakes and fried potatoes.

The split between the Patriots fans and the Rams fans was apparent, but everyone remained civil, for most of the game anyway. Tensions rose after halftime as the Rams brought the score back and ended up tying the game 17-17 with seven seconds left on the clock. New England scored a 45-yard field goal as the time ran out and won the game 20-17.

Raffle prizes were given out between each quarter. The first item was a mountain bike, was won following the first quarter by Samantha Denley, HHC, 2nd Infantry Division.

"I told my friends that I wanted the trip," Denley said, "but I told them I would probably win the bike instead."

Denley, who played dominoes with her friends between quarters, said she was glad she decided to get up early and watch the game at the club. "My team is not here but I am having fun," she said.

Other prizes included a second mountain bike, two stereos and two \$50 gift certificates to Army and Air Force Exchange Service. The grand prize, a trip to Thailand, was awarded to Sgt. Wesley W. Burchett, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Infantry Division.

According to Andre Thirkill, manager of Mitchell's Club, the prizes were bought with money raised by Morale,

Welfare and Recreation. Thirkill said the trip was chosen to give some lucky soldier a break from the grind of Army life in Korea.

"I wanted to give the soldiers a chance to have fun," said Thirkill. He added he hosted the Super Bowl party to provide a place where soldiers could go to get a good

breakfast and enjoy a festive atmosphere while they watched the big game.

This is the first time the Super Bowl had been aired at Mitchell's and Thirkill said that he definitely wants to hold the event again next year.

"It was a great success," he said.



Andre Thirkill, club manager of Mitchell's, presents the raffle grand prize of a trip to Thailand to Sgt. Wesley W. Burchett, HHC, 2nd Infantry Division.

AREA I

WO professional development

A warrant officer professional development and recruitment brief is scheduled for Wednesday at Cp. Casey's Reggie's Club.
The WOPD will be held from 9-11 a.m. and the recruitment briefing will be held 1-3 p.m.

Basketball championship

The Korea-wide post level men's and women's post season basketball championships are scheduled to take place Saturday-Monday at the east Camp Casey Physical Fitness Center.
Preliminary games begin at 8 a.m. The final games begin at 1 p.m. Sunday

Black History month Celebration

The Area I/501st Corps Support Group Black History Month celebration is scheduled to take place 6:30 p.m., Feb 28 at camp Red Cloud's Mitchell's.
For more information, call 732-6069.

Holiday comedy jam

A Holiday Comedy Jam is scheduled to take place 9:30 p.m. Feb. 15 at Camp Red Cloud's Mitchell's Club.
Tickets for the show are \$6.50 in advance and \$8 at the door. The show with dinner is \$10.95.
For more information call Mitchell's.

AREA II

Engineers sponsor Run

A five-kilometer fun walk/run will be conducted Feb. 23 at Collier Field House, Yongsan. The event is sponsored by the U.S. Forces Korea Engineers, Far East District and is in conjunction with National Engineer Week.
Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. that morning, and the race kicks off at 9:30 a.m.
For more information, call David Wilson at 721-7185. Wilson's e-mail address is david.c.wilson@pof02.usace.army.cil

WO professional development

A warrant officer professional development and recruitment brief is scheduled for Feb. 25 at Commisky's, Yongsan.
The WOPD will be held from 9-11 a.m. and the recruitment briefing will be held 1-3 p.m.

Reunion in Korea 2002

The Korea Travel Bureau will sponsor the Reunion in Korea 2002 program. Reunion dates are Apr. 15-19, May 13-17, Sept. 23-27 and Oct. 28-Nov. 1.
For more information, call 723-3474/6085.

OCS Board

The Area II Officer Candidate Selection Board will convene 8 a.m. Feb. 21 in the 34th Support Group command conference room. For more information, call 738-4534 or 723-6557.

AREA III

English teaching assistants needed

There is need for at least 10 people to help universities, high schools and government offices with conversational English.
If you're interested in assisting as a volunteer and have a privately owned vehicle, your hours will count toward the Camp Humphreys and Area III Volunteer Program.
Call 753-7652 for more details.

Black History Month program

The Area III Black History Month program today, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Freedom's Inn club

No cell phones while driving

All personnel assigned to USFK units in any status are reminded that using hand-held cell phones while driving is prohibited both by Korean law and by USFK Regulation 190-1 D16(I). This is applicable whether driving on post or off post.

Evacuee volunteers needed

Noncombatant volunteers are needed for an upcoming fly-away.
If you would like to see how the NEO operation works from the start to the finish, sign up today.
For more information or to sign up, call 753-6735.

AREA IV

Price increase for taxi service

Daegu city raised the City Taxi fare by 17.98 percent Tuesday. The increase was automatically applied to the Area IV taxis fare system. The changes are:
From 4 a.m. to midnight the basic rate went from 1,330 to 1,500 Won plus 100 won every 177 meters driven.
From midnight-4 a.m. the rate rose from 1,560 to 1,800 won plus 120 won for every 177 meters driven. In addition, when stopped at traffic signals or stuck in a traffic jam, 100 Won goes up every 43 seconds compared with that of every 53 seconds before.

Monthly retirement ceremony

The next monthly retirement ceremony for the 19th Theater Support Command will be 4 p.m. Feb. 27 at the Kelly Fitness Center on Camp Walker, Taegu.
The ceremony honors military personnel retiring from active-duty service, civilian employees reaching significant milestones and Korean augmentee soldiers fulfilling their enlistment periods.
The monthly event normally occurs on the final Wednesday of the month.
The ceremony is open to all military identification card holders and their guests.

WO professional development

A warrant officer professional development and recruitment brief is scheduled for Feb. 22 at Cp. Carroll's Hideaway Club.
The WOPD will be held from 9-11 a.m. and the recruitment briefing will be held 1-3 p.m.

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AT THE MOVIES

Check your local AAFES Theater for showtimes and admission. Movies subject to change without notice.

Feb	Cloud	Stanley	Casey	Yongsan	Hovey	Page	Humphreys	Henry	Pusan
15	Orange County	The Wash	The Wash	The One	The Wash		Orange County	Black Hawk Down	Ali
16	Out Cold	Out Cold	Out Cold	Monsters, Inc.	Orange County		Orange County Out Cold-M	Ali	Black Hawk Down Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone-M
17	Out Cold	Out Cold	Orange County	The Others	Out Cold	Lord of the Ring: Fellowship of the Ring	The Wash Out Cold-M	Ali Out Cold-M	Spy Game
18	The One		Orange County	Glass House	Out Cold		The Wash	The Wash	
19	Black Knight	The One	Out Cold	Out Cold	Orange County	Jurassic Park 3	Black Knight		
20		Black Hawk Down	The One	Black Knight	The One		Black Knight		
21	Black Hawk Down	Black Knight	Black Knight	Black Knight	Black Knight	Captain Corelli's Mandolin	A Walk to Remember		